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FAMILY PAY TRIBUTE TO 'TRUE HERO'

A DEAL soldier and "true hero" who was killed in Afghanistan has been laid to rest after a military funeral in his home town.

The service was held last Wednesday at St Leonard's Church in Rectory Road, followed by a private burial.

Sergeant Robert Loughran-Dickson died on November 18, in the Nad-e-Ali district of Helmand Province, when his patrol came under fire.

The 33-year-old, known as Rob or L-D to his friends, had been in the Army

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

for 12 years and was serving with the Royal Military Police at the time of the attack.

In a statement, his family paid tribute to the father-of-one, who leaves behind a 17-year-old son, Robert.

"He is a true hero in many ways of whom the whole family is extremely proud," the statement read.

"He made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved and was devoted to. A beloved father, son, brother and uncle. You lit up our lives and that light will stay bright for ever. You will

be greatly missed, but always loved by all."

Bob Ainsworth, the Secretary of State for Defence, also paid tribute to the sergeant.

He said: "I was very saddened to learn of the death of Sgt Robert Loughran-Dickson."

"His commanders describe him as an exceptional soldier and I know his loss will be felt greatly among his colleagues and friends in the Royal Military Police."

Sgt Loughran-Dickson attended primary and secondary schools in Deal before enlisting into the Army's Royal

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Military colleagues of Sgt Robert Loughran-Dickson carry his coffin at St Leonard's Church, Deal, watched by tearful mourners, below



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Celebrate like a king this Christmas at Dover Castle

■ BY NICK AMES

DOVER Castle is opening its doors for special Christmas celebrations including lunch and guided tour packages.

These will provide an opportunity to go on a seasonal tour of the castle's major new attraction – its technicolour medieval Great Tower – and enjoy a festive meal.

The guided tours, offered for the first time since the opening of the Great Tower, can be taken before or after lunch, when parties will be led through its majestic halls.

Festive season

They are being held Thursdays to Mondays throughout December, excluding the 24 to 25.

With blazing log fires and rooms with sumptuous tapestries and the furnishings and furniture of the late 12th century – visitors will discover how King Henry II and his royal court made merry during the festive season.

Dr Steven Brindle is a historian with English heritage who has studied how Christmas would have been celebrated more than 800 years ago.

"On the menu would be boar and venison, while the king would also most likely be served swan," he said.

"Vegetables were the food of the



HISTORIC KNOW-HOW: Steven Brindle

common people so menus we have of the time do not mention them.

"Drink would be fine wine for the royal table, probably from western France and the Loire Valley. For the slightly less exalted in rank wines would be English or from Normandy.

"The rest would have beer – but it would be stronger than the ale drank in the present day is.

"Fruit pies and elaborate icing dishes would provide dessert and there would also be entertainment.

"This could take the form of jesters or minstrels recounting legends such as King Arthur and his knights which were gaining in popularity.

"After a few hours the king would retire to his quarters then I think it's fair to say the songs would get bawdi-

er and the jokes a little more lewd."

These festivities would all take part in the great hall of the king's residence and would focus on Christmas Day itself when the royal party would also attend a private and public mass.

Some current traditions such as cards and gifts were unknown in the Middle Ages but kissing under mistletoe was a tradition dating back to pre-Christian times.

Another tradition being celebrated at Dover this year is the chance for a young person to be crowned Lord of Misrule.

Candidates will be encouraged to sing and dance for the king's pleasure with one lucky visitor chosen to wear the golden crown and enjoy full licence to lead the others – with the help of King Henry II – down the merry path of dalliance and delight.

Dr Brindle explained: "This was a tradition in big households and would have given someone of low status – such as a stable lad or brewer – the chance to preside over after-dinner entertainments.

"It traditionally lasted until the 12th night but I think it is fair to say the Lord of Misrule would have been very careful when he dealt with the Lord and Lady of the house."

For a chance to win a Christmas prize at the castle see page 13 and for a tour of the castle with Dr Brindle see www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Powerful message for young people

YOUNG people are to receive information on the dangers posed by power lines and electricity cables.

Workshops are being run in primary schools in Deal and Eythorne outlining the possible harm which can be caused by playing near to overhead lines and substations.

EDF Energy is behind the programme and any school or group wanting to take part can call 01342 413480.

Kids can get festive with Deal attractions

THE RUN-UP to Christmas sees a couple of seasonal attractions in Deal which are aimed at young people.

Santa will be welcoming children to the seafront Timeball Tower until Saturday after its transformation into a grotto.

The ground floor is the venue for the visits and each child will receive a small gift. There is also a Santa grotto open in the town's Barnado's store on Saturday.

Police on look out for illegal parking

THE parking of large trucks and other heavy goods vehicles in and around the village of River is currently being monitored by police officers.

Their action follows a number of complaints that large vehicles are being left in the area overnights and causing serious obstruction to traffic.

Police say any offenders who park without authorisation will be issued with a warning as to future conduct.

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Flight of fancy to make Blue Pigeon soar again

■ BY DAVE MAIRS

THERE'S a sense of decadence descending on the village of Worth, in particular over one of its landmark pubs.

Big changes are afoot at The Blue Pigeons, where new leaseholders Marilyn Coleman-Mellins and Ray Rough are turning things around in no uncertain fashion.

In little over a month, they have "gutted" the place, according to Ms Coleman-Mellins.

"It needed a lot of work and tender, loving care," she said. "This was the first place we looked at and initially I said no.

"However, once we'd seen some more premises, the potential of this one became obvious. We realised it could be very nice."

Shabby chic

Another pub, another makeover, you might think. But there's a genuine difference at The Blue Pigeons, where the intended feel is "shabby chic".

"We're after the Louis XIV look," said Ms Coleman-Mellins. "We're going back to neo-Georgian – we're not in this century. We want that air of decadence."

And for those who want to indulge in such moods, there are splendid sofas in which to recline while seeing all or little by the light of a chandelier. The image may from another era, but everything about The Blue Pigeons is shiningly new.

"We want to draw a line under whatever people thought of The Blue Pigeons before. It was a place that kept changing hands and that you



CHANGES: The new-look interior at The Blue Pigeons (left) and leaseholders Marilyn Coleman-Mellins and Ray Rough



felt hadn't been loved or cared for as it should have been."

Food will play a big part in the new venture. Broadstairs chef Andrew Johnson has big plans for forthcoming menus, his culinary career having taken him across the world.

Brazil, Bermuda, Germany, Iran, Egypt and Oman are some of the countries to have hosted his talents, and just maybe a little bit of each will eventually be finding its way to Worth.

Initially, however, the emphasis is on the traditional. Sunday lunches have just got under way, while the Christmas menu is launched tomorrow (Thursday).

The venue is already unrecognisable from how it used to be, so much so that it comes as a surprise to learn that this is the new leaseholders' first commercial venture into the pub world.

Both hail from London, where Mr Rough has

plied his trade as a hairdresser and Ms Coleman-Mellins is (still) a music promoter and producer.

The latter will of course have a strong influence on The Blue Pigeons, and a range of bands will in due course make their mark.

Expect to hear the strains of rockabilly, blues and 1940s and 1950s jazz any time soon.

For those staying over, there are three rooms upstairs – themed respectively on art-deco, 1950s vintage and Johnny Cash – and two chalets looking out on the large garden.

Although the theme concept is strong, Mr Rough and Ms Coleman-Mellins stress that the two bars are very much open to local people "in workclothes".

And if all the plans come to fruition, it could soon be standing room only.

• For more on The Blue Pigeons, visit www.bluepigeonsatworth.co.uk.

Forum a platform for youngsters to air their concerns

WORK to give a voice to young people was given a boost when individuals from across the area came along for the Dover District Youth Conference to discuss subjects ranging from bullying to public transport.

The event, at the Rivals Nightclub in Deal was designed and delivered by members of the Dover District Youth Forum.

The Forum was successful in gaining funding from the Youth Opportunities Fund and Dover District Council to put on the day, and the young people involved gained a National Open College Network Accreditation for their excellent work.

The conference discussed subjects that young people had raised as issues that mattered to them.

Issues

The aim of the day was to inform young people on the subjects of drugs and alcohol, transport and bullying, and to explore how these issues affected them.

The event included workshops from Walk Talk Drama Production, British Transport Police, KCC Community Wardens and KCA.

The day was supported by a number of agencies, including DDC Community Development, KCC Youth Services, NHS, Anti Bullying Alliance and British Red Cross.

A Dover District Council spokesman said: "The event was part of ongoing work for young people in the area. The Dover District Youth Strategy outlines the way forward for this work.

"The strategy is supported by more than 50 voluntary, community, public and private partners.

"Young people were invited to put their views on a wall and this information will be taken to the Youth Strategy Partnership meetings."

'His smile I will miss the most'

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1997. He transferred to the Royal Military Police in 2001 and was deployed on operations in Kosovo, Iraq, Northern Ireland and Afghanistan.

He held several posts during his time in the Army and was a crime reduction and local intelligence officer when he died.

This involved working with schools, giving presentations and processing intelligence and it was through this role that he was promoted to sergeant.

Lieutenant-Colonel Debbie Poneskis, commanding officer 4th Regiment Royal Military Police, said he would be sorely missed.

She said: "Sgt Loughran-Dickson was utterly reliable, wise beyond his years and simply got on with the job quietly and without fuss.

"He was an extremely proud father and his son Robert is a credit to him."

Captain Karen Tait, operations officer at 160 Provost Company and one of Sgt Loughran-Dickson's good friends, said: "I was proud and honoured to serve with him, but above all being able to call him my friend.

"His smile I will miss the most."

Public given chance to see if sea defence plans will stem tide

PROPOSALS to prevent sea water flooding the town of Deal and other parts of the coast near Sandwich have come under the microscope at an open day.

Last week members of the public were encouraged to visit the town hall in Deal and talk to representatives from the Environment Agency about how best to improve local sea defences.

At times of high tide and high winds shingle is frequently blown onto the main road next to the pier and waters have reached out into the streets.

The agency says it wants to improve the defences in an area between the Sandwich Bay Estate and Deal Castle.

Among the proposals on show were suggestions that a low wall could be constructed to turn back the waves in the area between the Royal Hotel and Deal Castle – which would protect most of the main area of the town.

North of Sandown Castle there is a plan to add more shingle to the beach

and also include some larger rocks to strengthen the beach as a whole.

Other suggestions are being put forward to improve the beach area for tourists and visitors.

These include a new footpath and cycle track along the promenade at Deal and better lighting, seating and shelters in any proposed new sea wall.

The impact of any proposed tidal defences on the Monk's Wall Nature Reserve in Sandwich has also been a matter for discussion and was raised at the last meeting of the town council.

An Environment Agency spokesman said: "The project is still at a very early stage. But having gathered local views and ideas the project team will then prepare outline designs which the public will be invited to come and see and comment on at local displays and meetings.

"These will be held throughout 2010 and everyone who wishes to can let their voice be heard before any final decision is made."

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Attacker sprayed victim in the face

AN EFIT has been released of a man who sprayed a substance in a supermarket-worker's face and stole her bag.

The woman was walking between the petrol station and the main store at Park Farm Sainsbury's at about 5.15pm on Thursday, November 12, when the man sprayed the substance into her eyes and grabbed her bag of shopping before running off.

Anyone who saw the incident is asked to phone PC Sion Williams on 01303 850055, or Kent Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



MP joins group to beat drugs trade

MP GWYN Prosser is set to take a look at the effect of the drugs trade – especially on young people.

The Dover and Deal member is part of the Commons home affairs committee, led by Labour's Keith Vaz, which will look at what goes on during student nights as part of a new Government strategy on the issue.

Mr Prosser has already spent time outside a nightclub in Maidstone as part of the committee's preliminary research.

He said: "Young people seemed very happy to go through the scanners."

Mr Vaz said: "This [cocaine dealing] is a very serious crime and we want to make sure is that the police get as much help as possible."

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Soldiers need our support, says Bishop to the Forces

■ BY MARIJKE COX

SUPPORT for our Armed Forces is vital as more and more soldiers are killed on the frontline, says the new Bishop to the Forces.

The Rt Revd Dr Stephen Venner spoke to KOS Media after hundreds of people turned out to bid him farewell from his post as Bishop of Dover and Bishop in Canterbury.

As Bishop to the Forces – a role given to him by the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams – he will be travelling to Afghanistan to support chaplains helping soldiers cope with the traumas of war.

Bishop Stephen said: "What happens for most people when they are faced with someone they love dying or the fear of dying themselves is they start asking religious questions, such as what life is about, is there life after death, how important are they or how important were the people who died."

"Chaplains, like local vicars, are there to sup-

port people when they are going through difficult times or dealing with traumatic moments.

"A Bishop must be there to support the chaplains, which is what I'm doing in this post."

Bishop Stephen, who has now moved from the Canterbury diocese to Rochester, has retired as Bishop of Dover and Bishop in Canterbury after 10 years. The Rt Revd Trevor Wilmott will take over in February, 2010.

A special ceremony was held at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday where the clergy,



church members and the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Mayor of Canterbury paid tribute to Bishop Stephen.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams described him as "a person of humanity, quality, intelligence and humility" and said their friendship had been "very real and significant personally".

Bishop Stephen said: "It was an extremely emotional service. I was very moved by the Archbishop's words."

"I've always found that our relationship was good, but for him to say it so publicly was very special."

The Bishop of Dover runs the Canterbury diocese while the Archbishop is away on national and international business.

Bishop Stephen said: "The two really have to trust and support each other."

"Archbishop Rowan said it's almost like he's the grandparent and I'm the parent. We'd laugh together, but there were times when he had to be strict."



LURING THE COMMUTERS

This image of Folkestone's Lower Leas Coastal Park is one of those being used in an advertising campaign at two of the nation's busiest train stations.

Four adverts promoting the fact the town is now only an hour's train journey away are being displayed at London's Kings' Cross and St Pancras.

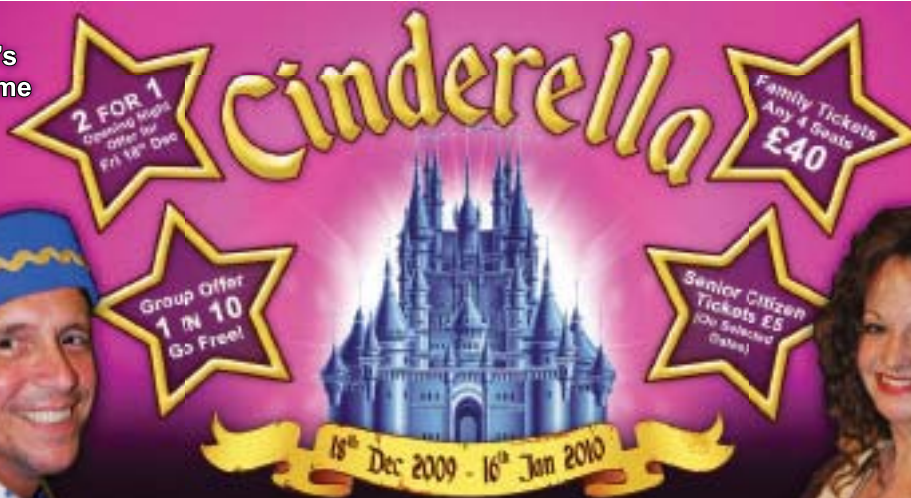
Other images used include one of the Old High Street and Quarterhouse, and will be shown at the stations for about a month to coincide with the full launch of Southeastern's high speed service.

Shepway council is also planning to host a stand at St Pancras on Monday, December 14, to further promote Folkestone as an attractive place for commuters to live.

Councillors will be among those present at the specially-designed display, which will promote the cheaper house prices and surrounding countryside in an attempt to encourage more visitors to the area.

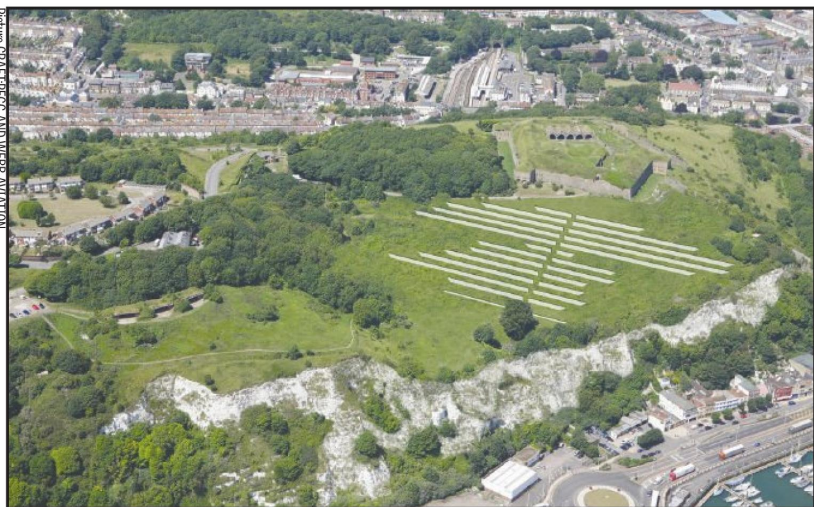
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AMBITIOUS: The memorial on Dover's Western Heights would consist of 12 white granite walls, totalling 1.7km in length, bearing the names of 1,700,000 Commonwealth soldiers who died in the two world wars

Minister backs plan for tribute to war heroes

PLANS for a national memorial dedicated to the Commonwealth's 1.7 million war dead have been given the backing of the culture minister.

Margaret Hodge MP said plans for the £10 million tribute were "ambitious and befitting" and admitted she was looking forward to hearing more.

If proposals go ahead, 12 white granite walls – totalling 1.7km – will be built down the slope from Drop Redoubt to the Grand Shaft on Dover's Western Heights.

They will have inscribed into them the 1,700,000 names of the casualties from the 54 Commonwealth countries who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the two world wars.

The walls would represent each of the 12 years of conflict between 1914 and 1945.

John Pegg, director at London-based Craft:Pegg architects, came up with the idea two years ago while carrying out academic studies at the site.

He said that if built, it would be a national symbol recognised worldwide.

"It will become the new White Cliffs of Dover – people out at sea will be able to see it and it will become a symbol of all those who sacrificed their lives," he said.

"Academics are saying it will be a secular peace of architecture – an archive for generations to come.

"It will be there for people from all the Commonwealth countries – they would come from all over the world to see it and pay tribute."

Mr Pegg said those listed on the memorial would have a family link to more than 75 per cent of the UK's population, making the site relevant to 45 million residents of the British Isles and numerous Commonwealth families.

He put his case forward to English Heritage on Monday, which owns Drop Redoubt, to try to win their backing.

"I don't see why they would turn it down," he said.

"They don't have to put their hands in their pockets, funding would come from central

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Government and other grants.

"The Western Heights fortifications are on English Heritage's Buildings at Risk Register.

"Drop Redoubt is the most at risk English Heritage-owned site in the UK, but with this memorial we would secure the site and repair the existing structure.

"I'm hoping English Heritage will see the importance of this memorial. It's very significant and quite an emotional thing to do."

The project has received backing from Labour MP Gwyn Prosser, Tory leader of Dover District County Paul Watkins, Kent County Council, Dover Town Council and SEEDA, as well as numerous community groups.

The Dover District Chamber of Commerce has also agreed to set up a trust for all the legal dealings and has given the project its full backing.

Regeneration

Cameron Macsween, the chamber's president and director of business development, said: "The idea of using Dover as the site for it is particularly important.

"It is a place known all over the world, made famous by Vera Lynn's song, and the memorial would not only play a significant part in preserving history, it will become a big part of the regeneration here.

"Dover is the right place for this."

Mr Pegg said English Heritage had agreed to make its decision in the next few weeks.

He added: "The White Cliffs of Dover would have been the last thing soldiers looked at when they went off to war and for those who lost their lives the last thing they saw of Britain.

"It is very significant that this memorial is placed at this site."

If plans are agreed, it will be officially unveiled on August 14, 2014, marking the centenary of the outbreak of World War One. It will also include a visitor centre.

For more information about the project see www.nationalwarmemorial.co.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bay's delights make news

THE delights of a walk at St Margaret's Bay have been highlighted by The Guardian newspaper.

Jean Timmons, master brewer for Shepherd Neame, recommended the area in her column 'My Kent: An insider's guide'.

She wrote: "At the north end of the beach lies White Cliffs, Ian Fleming's holiday home. The house was bought from Noel Coward in 1952 and Fleming worked on his first Bond novels here."

"Visit the Fleming and Coward exhibition at The Pines Garden Museum but allow time to explore the six acres of grounds. From St Margaret's Bay it's an easy walk to Dover's White Cliffs where the Wallets Court Hotel and Spa is a great stop-off for walkers."

Other recommendations in the article included Birchington's Quex Park, Chatham Historic Dockyard and The George Hotel, Cranbrook.

Age Concern party grant

THE Mayor of Dover, Sue Jones, has presented a cheque from Dover Town Council to Age Concern, for the charity's Christmas party.

Karen Tranter said, on behalf of the organisation: "We would like to thank Dover Town Council for this generous grant."

Chairman Sue Nicholas added: "Such co-operation with the Town Council shows the important role that Age Concern plays in our community".

The grant was agreed by the Town and Environment Committee from its community fund.

Choir sings for winners

THE St Edmund's Catholic School Choir performed four short pieces at the Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony at the Nye Hall, Duke of York's Military School in Dover.

They performed One Short Day from the musical Wicked, songs from the musical Rent and two interpretations from St Edmund's forthcoming production of We Will Rock You.

Audience members said the choir performed brilliantly and demonstrated an array of musical styles.

Staff added that all of the students worked exceedingly hard to create these pieces, and this was shown in their performances.



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Full-time fast rail service promises travel revolution

■ BY ED HILL

MONDAY saw the introduction of the full high-speed rail service to London for Kent.

The 140mph Hitachi Javelin trains will all terminate at St Pancras.

To mark the launch on Monday Dame Kelly Holmes travelled Rochester with transport minister Lord Adonis. The Olympic gold medallist has had one of the trains named after her.

Some towns like Ashford see the new service as vital to their economic and growth plans. The new service means commuters can travel to the capital in 37 minutes from the town. Recent improvements have been made to the

station in time for launch and the trains will be serviced at a new depot built in the town.

Ashford council leader Paul Clokie said: "I am glad that this day has finally arrived. This means we will be able to take Ashford forward to new heights."

However, some towns have lost out in the timetable shake up. Maidstone commuters will now only be able to travel to London Victoria using the old mainline services.

The high-speed service also comes at a price with commuters having to pay a premium. For example, a peak time return from Ashford will cost £48.70, about eight pounds more than the standard fare.

But the new timetable will mean an extra 200 trains will be running across the region and capacity will increase by five per cent.

Transport Secretary, Andrew Adonis said:



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

ON TRACK: The full high-speed timetable is now in operation, bringing a long-promised revolution in transport to the county and – it is hoped – many economic benefits in its slipstream

"These fantastic new services, made possible by the Government's investment in this £5.8bn high speed new line, are changing the

transport map of Kent. Journey times have shrunk dramatically, bringing regeneration and new opportunities for investment."

Bullet trains to shake up the timetable

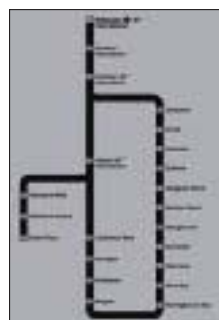
KENT stations will benefit from between three and 12 morning rush-hour services with the arrival of High Speed 1.

The introduction of the 140mph bullet trains has contributed to one of the biggest timetable shake-ups in more than 40 years, with more than 150 stops scheduled every day between 7am and 10am.

As one of the service's main hubs, Ebbsfleet will receive 12 trains during that period while there will be six at each of Medway's five stations as well as at Gravesend, Sittingbourne, Faversham, Margate and Broadstairs.

The new Southeastern timetable – which includes normal mainline services – will provide passengers with more than 200 extra trains per day and boost capacity by five per cent.

However, HS1 fares will increase by about £8 per journey to pay for the technology, adding about £730 to annual season ticket prices. For example, a return ticket from Ashford on HS1 will cost £48.70 compared with £40.60



SITTING COMFORTABLY: Inside the Javelin train; the route and, right, a bullet train and regular Southeastern service side by side

on the mainline, and an annual season ticket will cost £4,536 compared with £3,780. Regular commuters are being advised to visit www.southeasternrailway.co.uk to see how the changes affect them.

Managing director Charles Horton said: "We've worked hard over the years with stakeholders to be able to get to this point and this new timetable is very important for Kent."

"It will provide more choice for

passengers, see the full introduction of high-speed services and help us continue to improve performance levels.

"The majority of passengers will see an improvement in services, but as with all timetables compromises have had to be made and not everyone will be satisfied. However, once we've introduced the timetable we will monitor services closely and work with the Department for Transport to

make any adjustments which are necessary."

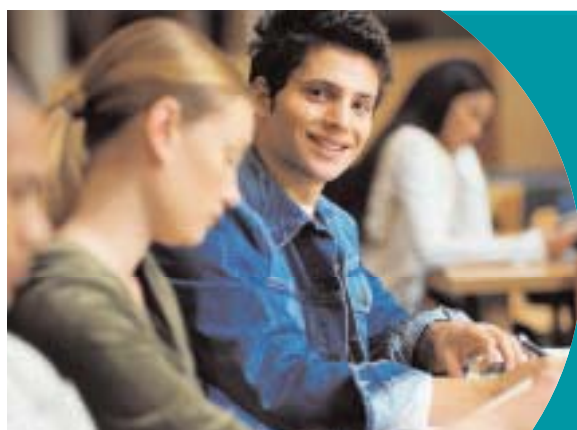
Ramsgate, Canterbury West, Ashford, Dover and the two Folkestone stations will each receive five morning rush-hour services per day, while there will be three at Whitstable, Herne Bay and Birchington. Maidstone has been left off the high-speed map altogether, but KCC has revealed plans to build a new station in the county town and link it to HS1.

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High-speed timeline

- December 18, 1996 – Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act passed in Parliament
- September 28, 2003 – Section one of rail link opens between Channel Tunnel and Fawkham Junction, north Kent
- November 14, 2006 – brand name High Speed 1 adopted by London and Continental Railways
- September 4, 2007 – Eurostar runs its first train on HS1 between Paris and St Pancras, in record journey time of 2hr 3min
- October 2, 2007 – Hitachi opens £52m bullet train depot in Ashford
- November 14, 2007 – Section two of rail link opens between Ebbsfleet and St Pancras
- June 29, 2009 – Southeastern launches domestic trial service between Ashford and St Pancras
- September 7, 2009 – Domestic trials expanded to Ramsgate, Canterbury, Dover and Folkestone
- December 13, 2009 – Southeastern launches full domestic HS1 timetable



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QUESTION & ANSWER

DAVID PYBUS



Q Tell us a little about yourself.

A I'm a Yorkshireman, born in 1947. I've got two children and live with my partner Kath. I'm a degree chemist with an MA in marketing and a diploma in perfumery and I moved here 25 years ago from East Anglia. I've travelled to over 100 countries, including Mexico, South Africa, Latin America and the Asian Pacific. I'm fluent in Spanish and an author of three books on perfumery with two more on the way.

Q What first inspired you to come up with the idea for Scents of Time?

A A combination of my love of fragrance, travel, science, archaeology and history. But more specifically travelling to America to bring back samples from the debris field of RMS Titanic and working in a perfumer's garden in Pompeii. I suddenly realised there could be a market for ancient perfumes brought to life.

Q How did you feel when facing the Dragons and what was your reaction after you completed the deal?

A It was a very long day and an emotional experience. Dragons' Den is very like 'Christians to the lions' as I guess it makes good TV. The fact that I'm a professional presenter helped – at least I wasn't speechless. I was very pleased to get a deal with the two Dragons whom I thought could really help me – Peter Jones and Theo Paphitis. Levi Roots was on the same day as me. Levi played his

Reggae Reggae calypso to me and we got on really well. He has gone on to have a £12million business with Reggae Reggae sauce, but I think I've got the hottest bottle around.

Q What would you say is the key to success in the competitive world of the fragrance industry?

A A combination of money, hard work and to some extent celebrity. Although in my opinion, many celebrity fragrances are poorly conceived with little spent on the juice and more on the razzle dazzle. My biggest weakness is lack of awareness of the brand as I don't have millions to spend with the media.

Q Which is your personal favourite scent from your collection and why?

A The Titanic-linked perfume Nightstar which started it all off for me.

Q What criteria do you use when searching for a perfume?

A Basically it has to have a story and a history, and preferably be linked to a globally known figure or event. And then, of course, that it is a truly fine fragrance which will work well in today's modern age.

Q You've travelled around the world in your role, which is your favourite place and why?

A That's a tough one, but Mexico and South Africa have special places in my heart as I

lived in each for three years. But there are also what I call 'moments of time', and a fellow artiste, a Celtic harpist called Phamie Gow, made a CD to that effect. It includes experiences such as cruising into Cape Town, New York or Sydney Harbour. Or doing Tai Chi on the bow of a cruise ship sailing down the Irrawaddy in Burma, with golden domes glinting in the sun on either side. Even a visit to the Alhambra in Spain is an experience to treasure in the mind's memory store.

Q Where can people find out more about Scents of Time and where to buy the fragrances?

A The website is www.scentsoftime.co.uk.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time?

A Travel, write, cycle, golf... and I still have time for a good pint of bitter in my local, The Ship in Sandgate.

Q Tell us something people don't tend to know about you.

A Firstly, I put on Wings' first UK concert at Nottingham University in 1972, but I don't think Paul McCartney remembers me! Second, I had a DNA swab done and according to my genetic code I am Iraqi on my maternal side and Danish Viking on my paternal side. This does make sense as North Yorkshire is full of us. I'm not your average Brit.

Q&A

The Dragons' Den star behind the Scents of Time fragrance company, who lives in Sandgate, spoke to **James Alexandre** about touring the world, Levi Roots and being part-Viking.



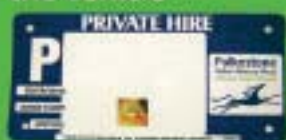
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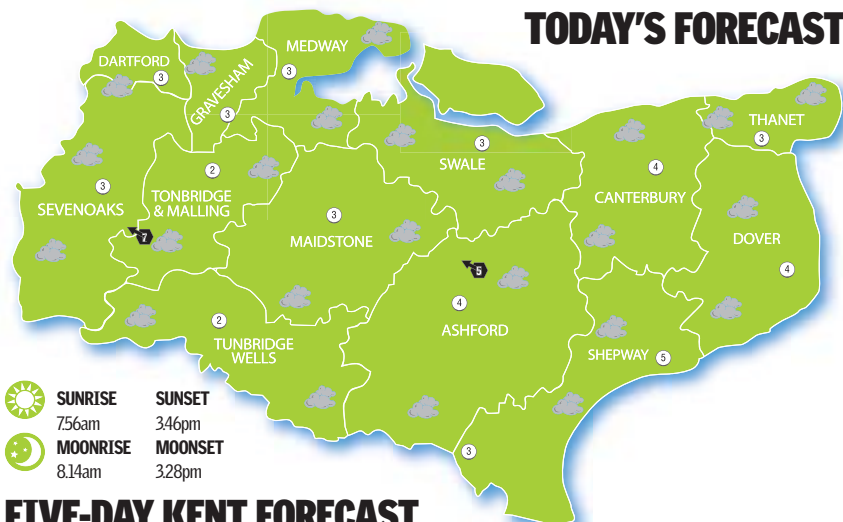
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Canterbury	3°C	3°C	4°C	3°C	3°C	Maidstone	4°C	3°C	4°C	4°C	3°C
Chatham	4°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	5°C	Ramsgate	3°C	3°C	4°C	3°C	3°C
Dartford	4°C	3°C	4°C	4°C	4°C	Rochester	4°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	5°C
Dover	3°C	4°C	5°C	3°C	4°C	Sevenoaks	3°C	2°C	3°C	2°C	2°C
Faversham	4°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	5°C	Sittingbourne	4°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	5°C
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Gillingham	4°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	5°C	Tun Wells	4°C	3°C	4°C	3°C	3°C

WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	2:25pm	5.7m
	Sunday	3:00pm	5.6m
Dover	Saturday	12:37pm	6.2m
	Sunday	1:12pm	6.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:32pm	7.1m
	Sunday	1:07pm	7.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	1:07pm	4.8m
	Sunday	1:42pm	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:15pm	5.5m
	Sunday	2:50pm	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:24pm	5.0m
	Sunday	2:56pm	4.9m

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Bombay	32°C	Sydney	21°C
Cape Town	31°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	6°C	Tokyo	10°C
Gibraltar	10°C	Vancouver	0°C
Hong Kong	22°C	Warsaw	-2°C
Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	19°C



JUNGLE JAN: Jan Leeming keeps her wardrobe simple

Calendar Girls star talks about her fashion sense

TV PERSONALITY and actress Jan Leeming has revealed her preferences when it comes to dress sense.

Ms Leeming from Walmer is currently appearing in West End show *Calendar Girls* but took time to go through her career and wardrobe with a national newspaper.

She told the Daily Mail: "At the end of the Fifties, when I got my first full-time job as a BBC secretary, I earned £6 10s a week. And I certainly didn't come from money."

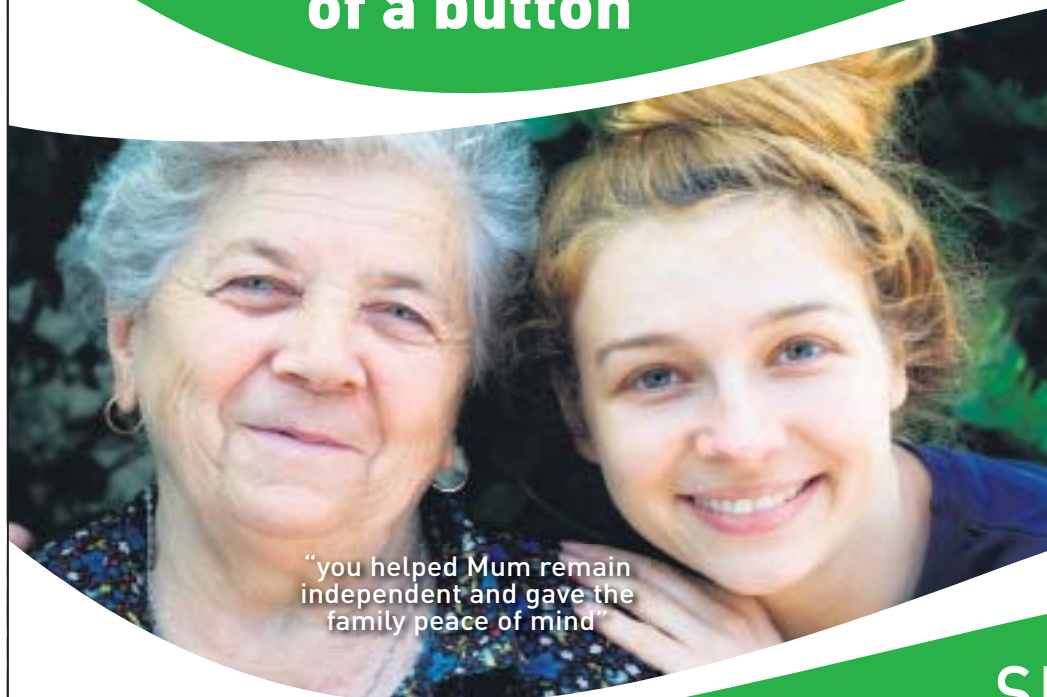
"So while I was always interested in clothes, I had to be very prudent about what I bought. I like to think I've always dressed well on a budget and that included the time I was reading the BBC News and was expected to wear a wide variety of outfits, all of them bought out of my own pocket."

"There certainly wasn't a wardrobe allowance back then and my annual salary was only £10,000 – rather different from today!"

"When I was still at school, I was a Saturday girl at C&A in Croydon. It was the shop where I bought most of my clothes although Mummy used to knit me twin-sets and make me pencil skirts."

"I don't like to be incarcerated in clothes so, apart from my dress-up outfits for posh occasions, I have a bit of a uniform these days: either a skirt or trousers, a skimpy top and one of those shrugs that you put your arms through and then tie the tassels under your bust."

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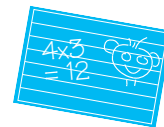


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BREAK TIME

Dover pupils put on top performance

STUDENTS at St Edmund's Catholic School in Dover have successfully completed their recent school production.

The Demon Headmaster was written by Gillian Cross and performed at the school's New Eden Theatre.

Marie Christian, head of drama, said: "The students worked hard to achieve two successful performances."

"For many of the students, this was their first experience of performing to an audience and they really stood up to the challenge. It was a whole school production with students from Year seven right up to the sixth form taking many of the leading roles."

"We are very proud of their dedication and commitment to the success of this production."

Christmas cheer is put on school CD

CHILDREN from Hornbeam Primary School have celebrated the Christmas season by putting out a CD of festive songs.

Their recording called A Hornbeam Christmas includes songs and carols performed by the pupils of the school in Deal.

Eleven year old Jordan Franklin won a competition to design the cover of the recording.

Parents who attended the recent school fair were given the chance to listen to the songs as it was played over the sound system.

Copies of the CD are now available from the school office priced at £8.



GOAL ACHIEVED: Pupils at Sandwich Technology School celebrate the opening of their new astro pitch which will help the growth of football in the area

New astro pitch at Sandwich school is out of this world

A NEW third-generation turf football pitch at Sandwich Technology School was officially opened during a torrential rainstorm.

The pitch was opened by Thanet South MP Dr Stephen Ladyman and the president of the Football Foundation Lord Pendry.

The Kent County FA played a key role in assisting the school to gain a £390,000 grant from the Football Foundation to help construct the new pitch.

The cash bonanza has allowed Sandwich Technology College, in partnership with its

■ BY NICK AMES

local football clubs, to build a much-needed artificial turf pitch in East Kent which will benefit both the school students and the local football community.

Speaking at the official opening, Lord Pendry of the Football Foundation said: "We were relying on the Kent County FA to see this project through."

"Without them I don't think this wonderful pitch would have become a reality."

Paul Dolan, Kent County FA Development Manager, said: "Sandwich Technology College

deserves an enormous amount of credit for the commitment they demonstrated in successfully obtaining funding from the Football Foundation to build their new football pitch."

"They were a pleasure to work with and the award was well deserved."

"The new football facilities at the school will prove beneficial for the football community in Sandwich and the surrounding areas by helping to sustain and grow football in the area."

"I love the new pitch!" said Charlie Lane, captain of the year 11 football team.

"We can use it all through the winter and we don't get muddy."

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'I will do anything for a stable life'

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THE basement of an anonymous backstreet building in Calais holds supplies essential to the survival of some of the most destitute people in Europe.

Not medicines, drugs or vaccines, but simply blankets, sleeping bags and clothes – protection against the cold as winter draws on. A dedicated group of Kent-based volunteers who run the place live in fear of a police raid and the confiscating of their supplies – after all, helping refugees is a crime under French law.

Attacked and imprisoned by police, using battery acid to remove identifying fingerprints and vilified by many in the country they want to make their home, the migrants live in conditions of squalor as they nightly try to conceal themselves onto Dover-bound lorries. But some still have time to practise cricket in the area set aside for feeding them – work undertaken by charities with money from local government. Afghan asylum seekers learnt the game after spending time in Pakistani refugee camps.

"Inshallah" (God willing) they say in the hope they might one day bowl on an English village green. The supplies have been taken across the Channel by ferry by activists working for Kent Refugee Help.

They say it is vital that aid reaches the migrants after their camps were torn down and destroyed by police earlier this year.

The supplies are kept in the cellar of a building away from prying eyes. Rooms contain bedding, clothes and footwear, all of which has been donated. The migrants can come and get what they need – a constant stream as temporary shelters are destroyed



by police. The latest area for Afghans to congregate became known as the New Pashtun Jungle – an area of woodland criss-crossed by paths and backing on to a lorry park. Signs of recent habitation are everywhere and it appeared to have been abandoned in a hurry. Ahmed is from Afghanistan and recently arrived in Calais after a three-year journey from his homeland.

"I paid \$6,000 (about £4,000) to the people smugglers to get me here," he said.

"I first set out in a truck for the border with Iran and despite frequent road checks in that country I made it across with help from friends in the city of Isfahan. Kurds smuggled me into Turkey – I was there for two years before I managed to get across the border.

"After that I took buses across Europe, always getting someone else to buy my ticket as I had no passport and no identification.

"My life in Afghanistan was hell. I left all my friends and family, but I knew I had to take a chance. I think I will be given the chance to work in England. I will do anything to get a stable life."

The migrants face daily harassment from police, with the CRS riot police the most aggressive. Migrants picked up in Greece and Italy are often fingerprinted and their details kept on a database. If they are stopped again



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SHELTER: Refugees at the so-called New Pashtun Jungle in Calais bide their time and dream of a new life in Britain

they can be deported to those countries, but they then frequently make the same journey across Europe. Some have taken to using battery acid to remove prints by burning off skin, while others have set fire to their hands. Ahmed is also from Afghanistan and has been in Calais for months.

"The police chase us like we are animals," he said. "I have been put in prison three or four times and I have been hit by them."

But not all police behave in that manner. Some migrants tell of being given lifts to their shelters by police while another said he had been given coffee and offered wine.

Michel Flahault is a French charity worker. He said: "We are here because they are here – someone needs to help them."

The actions of the volunteers comes at a time when there is renewed criticism of the establishment of refugee help centres in France from Richard Ashworth, Conservative MEP for Kent.

He said: "Closure of the Jungle was conducted without an adequate strategy to deal with the situation and so we are seeing a return to the migrant travelling circus."

"What is obvious is that all EU governments are not fulfilling their obligations to halt the entry of illegal immigrants on Europe's southern borders."

French plan a 'honey pot' for refugees

PLANS to open a centre in Calais to help economic refugees have outraged the Conservative spokesman on immigration.

Ashford MP Damian Green said: "I think it is an insulting idea. All it will do is encourage more illegal immigration through Kent. I am appalled that the French government is setting it up."

"It will act as a honey pot for potential illegal immigrants all around the world and it will encourage more people trafficking. It is the worst possible idea."

The new day centre, which would be built next to an industrial estate in the town, is due to open before Christmas.

It will be run by the charity Catholic Help which estimates there are more than 1,000 migrants congregating in the area trying to make it to the UK.

Mr Green said the French government was passing the problem on to the UK.

"The French should deal with these people in the proper way. They can apply for asylum in France, if they do not want to do that they can be returned home."

As the winter draws near the charity says something has to be done to help those most in need. Mr Green said the Government also needed to do more to stop the UK being seen as an attractive destination for illegal migrants.

He said: "First we need our own border police force to make our borders more protected. I think a lot of people are attracted here because they think it is easy to work illegally in Britain. That is why we need a specialist border police so we can be more effective at cracking down on illegal work."

"We also need to establish international agreements to avoid this encouragement by other countries, particularly France, to encourage people to try their luck coming across the Channel."

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Global warming seems to mean more rain, so where's the sense in charging us for water meters supposed to help us save?



I doubt people in Cockermouth think we need to save water

SURELY someone needs a bit of a slap for choosing this week to tell us we are all going to have to pay for water meters in our homes... even though global warming is set to bring more rain.

You could be forgiven for being a bit confused over plans by the Government to cut water use at home with meters costing £200 each.

I'm sure even the people of Cockermouth could find it in themselves to chuckle over the thought we don't have enough rain.

Here in Kent we've 'suffered' more than most with hosepipe bans and alleged shortages for years.

But this week meters were revealed as the way to meet Government consumption targets, down from 148 to 130 litres a day by 2030.

Why bother? Water addicts will shower in service stations, wash their car at filling stations and drink more water at work. It's impossible to monitor individuals. Will we visit

people's homes and they'll tell us not to flush? Will they ask us to 'go' before we visit?

Anyone who has bought a house built in the past 10 years will already have a meter and, let's be honest, it's no big deal.

So long as there are houses without them, then water bosses have to charge similar figures for metered and un-metered homes because people talk – though they are not necessarily the sort of people I'd invite around for dinner.

So the meter is not a big concern. But being charged £200 to have it fitted is very wrong.

It is of course another money-making scam to pay for investment in old Victorian infrastructure that has been ignored since privatisation.

And it's being dressed up as encouraging us to 'save water', even though the climate change worriers tell us there's going to be loads more rain across northern Europe.

Civil servant Anna Walker led the new study, which concludes charging you for what is used, will force us all to save.

Nonsense it'll just mean rich folk can bathe

whenever they want to and the poor will be even more smelly.

And it came as no surprise that the Environment Agency agrees.

Its spokesman trotted out the tired line that almost half of us in the UK live in areas where there is less water per person than in Spain or Morocco.

It's a statistic that means nothing but the Environment Agency insists on using it. Spain can expect more rain too if the climate worriers are right, so, the Agency will continue trotting out the same useless phrase.

As the great and good – 15,000 of them – assemble in Copenhagen to talk about global warming, to argue about who's telling the truth and who isn't, and no doubt tie themselves in knots, I don't think anyone will be stupid enough to say water shortages in the UK will be a part of man's destruction of our planet.

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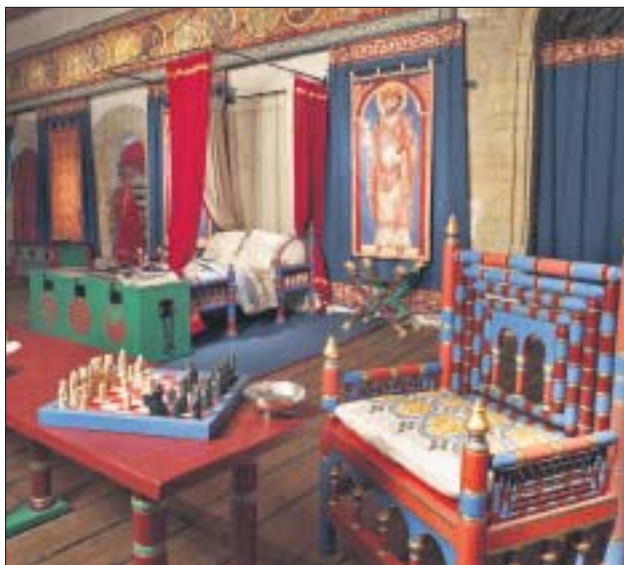
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C. William the Conqueror

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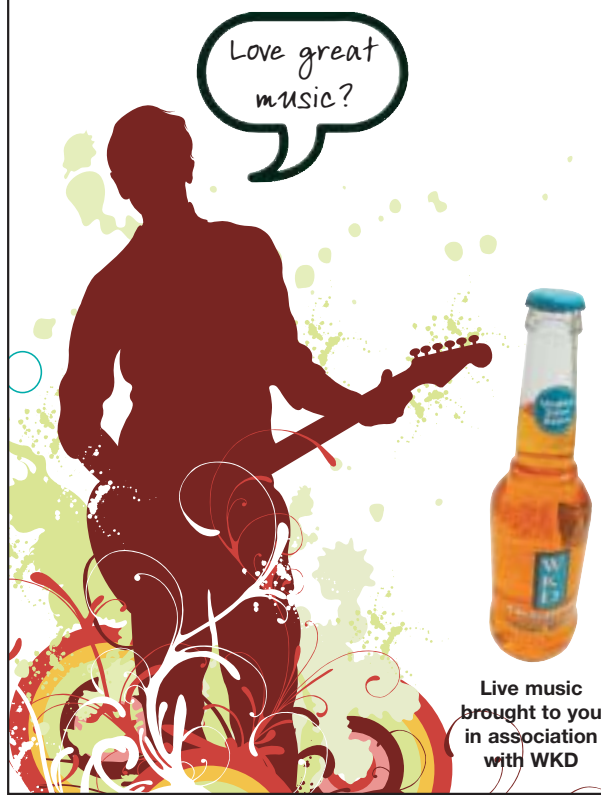
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He's an old ladies' man

Cornish comedian Jethro knows just how far he can go if he wants to hang on to his audience

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START the New Year with some big belly laughs as Cornish comic Jethro returns to Kent.

Despite only appearing on television a handful of times during his long career, the wag from the West Country has performed live to more than three million people and is familiar to UK comedy fans.

Once the rigours of Christmas are over, give yourself something to look forward to by booking a ticket to see this consummate professional in action.

This hard-working entertainer is continuously on tour and feels the need to work almost incessantly, but his efforts have won him countless fans and an unrelenting demand for tickets to his live shows. But he started out as a carpenter and it was only when the 18-year-old Jethro – whose real name is Jeffrey Rowe – joined the local operatic society that his career in show business began.

Discovering that he could hold a tune, he began to play guitar and sing songs in local pubs. Yet it was a night when his singing voice dried up that Jethro unwittingly stumbled across his vocation.

When he decided to tell a few funny stories instead, the reaction was immediate and the following week he had a large audience, all eager to hear some jokes.

It took many years of working on the club circuit during the 70s and 80s before Jethro finally hit the big time. His hugely successful appearances on the Des O'Connor Tonight show won him legions of fans, including many older people, which is quite surprising given the near-the-knuckle nature of much of his material.

Speaking to KOS Media in 2007, Jethro said he believed his strong following among the older generation was down to his comic judgement.

"There are some things I don't



touch, like religion, because it's not funny and I don't need to," he said.

"There's a line that I don't cross. I'm probably the biggest draw for old ladies in England. I'm too blue really, though they think I'm just acceptable. They're a bit dubious at first, but when they realise I won't go any

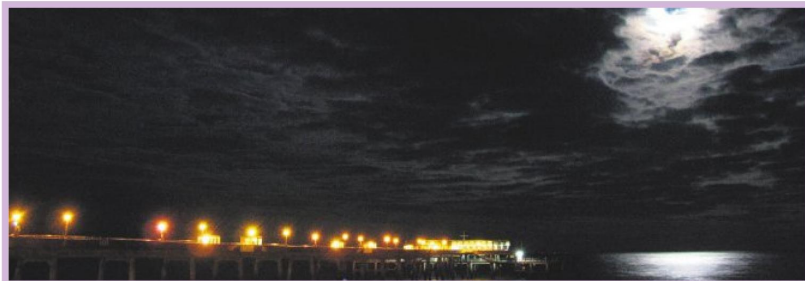
further, they love it. It's lovely to see old ladies laugh."

Jethro can be seen at the Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells on January 10; the Orchard Theatre in Dartford on February 1; the Central Theatre in Chatham on March 4 and the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on April 26.

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STREETLIGHT STORM

Monday, December 21 to Saturday, January 30
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DEAL is a truly electric place to be this winter with the opening of an innovative new outdoor artwork.

Streetlight Storm, created by artist Katie Paterson, uses everyday technology to make the lights on the pier flicker in time to lightning storms as they occur around the globe.

The project has been commissioned by Vauxhall Motors as part of a project to reinvent British classics. Inspired by seaside towns, the Scottish artist – who is a member

of the Vauxhall Collective – set out to bring something really dramatic to the British coast during the winter months.

It is not the first time that Paterson has created art by using technology to connect across great distances. Previous projects include broadcasting classical music to the moon and setting up a phone line to an Icelandic glacier.

Streetlight Storm will open at 4.30pm on Monday with a short talk by the artist. It can be seen from 5-10pm on weekdays and 5pm to 8am at weekends. For details visit www.katiepaterson.org/streetlightstorm. The project is supported by Vauxhall Motors and Albion Gallery, with Turner Contemporary and Whitstable Biennale.



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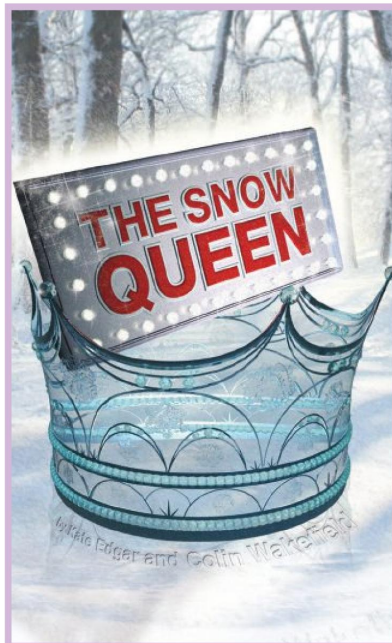
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ENTER a magical winter wonderland with this year's captivating Christmas show at the Theatre Royal Margate.

The Snow Queen is a popular seasonal story that has been turned into an enchanting family production, combining an exciting tale with all the best aspects of festive theatre. Following the success of last year's Ali Baba, audiences can look forward to this professional musical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's much-loved tale.

When handsome Kai is lured away by the wicked Snow Queen, his sister Gerda sets out on a dangerous mission to find him. Before she confronts the evil queen herself, Gerda meets a host of fascinating characters, such as Rudi the Reindeer, the Little Robber Girl and the Old Lapp Woman. The wacky Kingfisher helps to liven things up, along with Bert and Elsie Crow.

Tickets are priced from £12 for adults, £9.50 for children and £40 for families of two adults and two children. Performance times vary. To book call the box office on 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787. Find out more online at www.theatreroyalmargate.com.



CINDERELLA

Friday, December 18 to
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LIVE & LOUD

Make your decorations at museum's family day

MAKE your own Christmas decorations at Dover Museum's next Family Day taking place next week.

The free workshop runs from 10am to 4.30pm. Normal museum entry fees apply and admission is free for Dover District Council residents, proof of address is required. For details call 01304 201066 or visit www.dovermuseum.co.uk.

Don't miss the party as restaurant gets rocking

LIFE in Dover is one non-stop party at Marine Court Table Table.

On Thursday, take a trip down Memory Lane with the 80s DJ night. On Friday and Saturday the DJ will be playing classic floor fillers, and Sarah Kay will be providing the vocals at the Santa Rocks party on Tuesday. Admission is £20 including a three-course meal. Call 01304 218260 or email Heather on dover.marinecourt@whitbread.com.

Great rock hits on the playlist at music night

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Situation Vacant will be at the Park Inn in Park Place on Friday. For details call the pub on 01304 203300.

Give boring pop the push and see Jester

CREATED as an antidote to boring mid-90s pop, punk band Jester is still entertaining audiences a decade later.

The band plays original material and cover versions of songs by The Buzzcocks, Sex Pistols and The Clash. For details see www.jesterpunkuk.co.uk.

Jester are at The Archer in Sandwich Road, Whitfield, on Saturday. For more details call the pub on 01304 825890.

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Music students work with university's latest signings

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

FOUR new up-and-coming acts have been added to a Kent university's in-house music label.

Da Mushrooms, DaylightSaving, Banu and The Mop Collective have all been added to Canterbury Christ Church's C3U Records stable. The quartet of bright young things will be unleashed on the world's music scene next year, with their debut records released in February.

These downloadable tracks will be accompanied by a tour of university campuses and London venues.

C3U Records was set up by composer Ethan Lewis Maltby and the CCC's Julia Jones as a way to promote up-and-coming acts and artists in the South East.

It offers acts assistance in all aspects of the recording industry process, including managing, recording and releasing the product both digitally and physically.

The company also has many contacts in retail stores, radio stations and clubs to help with publicity and sales.

Day-to-day running of the label is left to the commercial music and music industry management students as part of their degree studies.

Artists record and perform at the studios, with third-year production students helping to give the recordings a professional sound.

Ethan Maltby said: "We have a tremendous roster of artists this year, covering a wide range of musical genres. These are highly creative acts with exciting live shows, from experienced musicians."



"It's great to see such collaboration between the students. The artists bring students in to perform on the recording, which is carried out by production students, before the finished product is marketed by the Music Industry Management students."

"It all comes together to give an insight into the various processes of a record label."

For more visit www.c3urecords.co.uk

THE BANDS

Da Mushrooms - www.myspace.com/damushrooms - They have an EP available on iTunes and Amazon.co.uk and are currently finishing off their second record.

DaylightSaving - www.myspace.com/daylightsavingjazz - Their EP is available on iTunes and Amazon.co.uk and they are currently finishing off their second record.

Banu - www.myspace.com/banumuzik - She is currently finishing off her first EP for the label.

The Mop Collective - www.myspace.com/themopcollective - Just finishing off their first album.

SIGNINGS: The Mop Collective, above, and Banu



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■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

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Wanting to see why someone would fly to Slovenia rather than Switzerland, we flew into the Ljubljana early one Saturday morning in mid-January. Within 45 minutes, we were driving into the small town of Kranjska Gora.

Our hotel, the Grand Hotel Prisank, loomed large and pink, a sharp contrast to the authentic cobbled streets and church.

By the next day, we'd shrugged off our flight exhaustion and woken up to our resort.

The town seemed surprisingly quiet for high-season January.

Apart from special occasions like New Year and school holidays, the town does remain largely quiet, and restaurants and cafes often close midweek to avoid catering for only a trickle of visitors.

The locals said Slovenian weather was never foggy during the ski season, but by day three, the fog, followed by the rain, had become the biggest barrier between me and a career in winter sports.

Sitting in our hotel watching DVDs, we stared out at a mountain shrouded with white mist, noticing that, even in the fog, the short, gentle slopes were filled with happy beginners.

With intermediate runs peaking at about 1,550m, large amounts of cheap accommodation and low-cost flights into Ljubljana from all over the UK, Kranjska Gora is definitely a resort for families.



BEGINNERS' LUCK: There are no smart alics to knock you off your feet on the quiet slopes of Kranjska Gora

This emphasis on family groups may explain why the town doesn't offer a better range of restaurants and bars.

Kranjska Gora is dominated by the hotel chain Hit Holidays. With six modern hotels (Larix, Corona, Prisank, Alpina, Kompass, and Spik) and one apartment complex (Vitranc), the company stamps its mark on the town as firmly as the mountain itself.

Experienced skiers might regard it as a Primark version of the Alps. Grand Hotel Prisank offers a package-holiday blend of theme restaurants, live entertainment and activities for kids.

Its rooms were clean, comfortable and uninspiring, while the Napoli pizzeria and London tearoom lurked behind frosted glass doors on the ground floor. The hotel's information board promised karaoke, a pool tournament and live

music on Saturday night from 1980s band Candle With Hair.

As newfound friends in my skiing class explained, skiing in Slovenia is about practicality, not sophistication.

One mother booked a family of four into a hotel for the week, for little over £1,000. A dad told me that he could only get a shoebox-sized room in the French Alps for what he paid here. And out on the slopes, smart alics won't swish by at 100mph. For once, you're all in the same beginners' boat.

The only place in Kranjska Gora not to play Eighties hits at top volume is Mamacita, a Mexican-Slovenian bar off the main walkway.

Coloured fairy lights and low-key music transformed this small bar into a paradise for lost Westerners, all delighted to find a small slice of style.

FACT FILE: SLOVENIA

Time difference	+ One hour (GMT)
Capital	Ljubljana
Language	Hungarian and Italian
Population	2 million
Currency	Approx 1.1 Euro to £1
Religion	Roman Catholic

Travel facts

Sarah O'Meara was a guest of Balkan Holidays, which offers seven nights' half-board at the four-star Grand Hotel Prisank from £489, including flights from Gatwick.

A complimentary package at Grand Hotel Prisank includes a free Slovenian dinner once a week, use of swimming pools at Hotel Larix and 50% discount on local charges for sauna.

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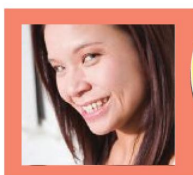
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YOURS TRULY Voluptuous lady, 30, blonde, blue eyes, likes poetry, theme parks, nights in, walking, live bands, seeks a loving man to settle down with. York. Box 459589

IT MUST BE LOVE Single mum, 31, student, enjoys running, swimming, camping, going out/staying in, looking for nice down-to-earth bloke, single dads welcome- must be a non-smoker. Bradford. Box 865407

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ONE IN A MILLION Friendly, single mum, 36, brown eyes/dark hair, I like cinema, bowling, gigs nights out. Looking for a genuine bloke for friendship, maybe more later. Halifax. Box 457076

HOLD MY HAND Shy lady, 35, 5'5", dark hair and eyes, single, likes going out, pictures, music and more, seeks similar male for hopeful romance. Box 457149

HEELS & WELLIES Honest, independent female, 37, 5'7", blonde, attractive, n/s, likes meals out, walks, country pubs, wine bars, seeks like minded male for relationship. Malton. Box 762305

SHOW ME HEAVEN Brunette, 37, green eyes, likes socialising and meals in quiet pubs, WLTm a kind and caring man, 37-45. Leeds. Box 869944

COUNTRY LOVER Hi, I'm an attractive, intelligent woman, with a wicked sense of humour. I'm 38, 5'7", dark hair/blue eyes, and live in Bishop Auckland. Box 453919

A LADY TO LOVE Yorkshire lass, 40, a mum, blonde with blue eyes, 5'5", medium build, loves swimming, eating out and dancing. WLTm genuine fun-loving male. Box 452268

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Bubbly lady, 39, 5'12", medium length blonde hair/blue eyes, slim, very GSOH, loves DVDs, cinema and all music; seeks likewise male for good times. Bishop Auckland. Box 460583

TWO TO TANGO Well travelled, smart, sprightly mum of one, 42, 5'11", dark hair with blue eyes, hard working woman, looking for an independent, tall, like minded man. Selby. Box 459923

RECIPE FOR LOVE Country Durham female, 42, medium build, glasses, blonde hair. I'm a widow and would like to meet a genuine man. I enjoy cooking, swimming, shopping. Box 461220

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MANY INTERESTS Single, black mum, 5'6", medium build, 43, brown eyes/black hair. I'm hoping to meet someone for friendship, and hopefully LTR. Box 453905

PUPPY LOVE? Fun loving & caring 43 year old looking for my soulmate, enjoys socialising, meals out & weekends away, looking for genuine male for friendship...hopefully more! Box 876111

HELLO! Attractive female, 43, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, enjoy spending time with friends, looking for a tall, genuine guy, 35-45, for a meaningful relationship. Bradford. Box 462457

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SHALL WE BE SOCIAL? Slim female, 45, 5'10", blonde, enjoys dog walks, car boots, meals out & socialising, seeks male 4+, similar interests, for friendship maybe more. York. Box 972442

BY MY SIDE Brunette, medium build, brown eyes, I'm a 44yr old woman and enjoy going out, nights in, late dancing and socialising. Bradford based. Box 457198

FOR GOOD SHY LADY 44, gosh, likes late dancing, cinema and socialising, looking for a man with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Bradford. Box 457336

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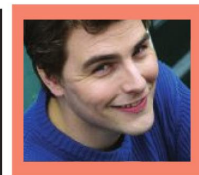
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COMFORTABLE: Dover swept struggling Maidstone aside

RUGBY

Sharks bite back with first double

Maidstone 14 Dover 39

DOVER completed their first double of the season with a comfortable victory over a fragile Maidstone side to stay second in London 1 South.

The Sharks made a superb start, scoring a try virtually from the kick-off. Martyn Beaumont's kick found Ricky Mackintosh out wide and the winger found Jamie Townley to dive over.

Nick Ford converted from the touch-line and quickly had another chance when Beaumont added a second try. The full-back missed the kick but quickly added a penalty to make it 15-0.

Maidstone, with just one win to their name this season, responded with a penalty try, before Lee Tonks extended the visitors' lead with a try before half-time.

Dover were again the better side at the start of the second-half and Beaumont touched down for his second try of the afternoon, converted by Ford.

Ben Murray's score, again converted by Ford, put the result beyond doubt. Townley rounded off the victory with his second of the game before Maidstone claimed a consolation try late on.

The result means they're still three points behind leaders Gravesend, but there's now a three-point gap to third-placed Cobham, who lost. Dover host Thanet Wanderers on Saturday.

Elsewhere, Deal & Betseshanger went down 22-14 at Purley John Fisher. The result left them eighth in London 2 South East ahead of their final game before the Christmas break, when they host free-scoring leaders Tonbridge Juddians.

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Dover return to form to book place in round two

FOOTBALL

■ BY YOURDOVER REPORTER

Havant & Waterlooville 2

Martin 23, Williams 55

Dover Athletic 3

Southall 24, Wallis 38, Welford 60



ANDY Hessenthaler heaped praise on his Dover Athletic side as they came through a tricky trip to Hampshire in the FA Trophy.

Shaun Welford's header on the hour mark won an entertaining game for the Whites, who booked their place in round two for the first time in six seasons.

Hessenthaler was delighted with the result, which helped make amends for the league defeat against Havant & Waterlooville earlier in the season.

He said: "It was a tremendous performance from the lads, especially as we were down to 15 fit players. It's not an easy place to go as we found out in the league, but the boys coped well and despite a number of changes I had to make to the side, we came through."

Character

"We are now unbeaten in five and the boys are showing great character. After the Weston-super-Mare defeat they got a bit of stick and it was deserved, but now they are all stepping up to the plate and being counted, which is great to see."

Hessenthaler had to name himself among the substitutes for the trip along the south coast due to an injury list which included Sam Gore, Dean Hill, Jake Leberl, Lee Browning and Craig Cloke.

Havant became the first team to beat Dover this season when the sides met at Westleigh Park in September.

The home side made most of the early running and opened the scoring midway through the half in spectacular style. Robbie Martin let fly from range with a shot which swerved away from Whitehouse and in via the post.

The lead lasted barely a minute and Dover were back on level terms thanks to a low shot from Nicky Southall. It got even better for the travelling supporters, as Jon Wallis pounced on a loose ball to finish from close range seven minutes before the break.

Dover were pegged back ten minutes into the second-half with a goal from Manny Williams.



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

ON TARGET: Goalscorer Jon Wallis (in blue) fights for possession in midfield during Dover's FA Trophy victory against Havant & Waterlooville on Saturday

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Hughes (Wallis 90)

Again they responded quickly to the setback and within five minutes Wallis nodded in Southall's free-kick.

The visitors controlled the closing stages and despite only having a slender lead they rarely looked troubled, scooping the £5,000 prize money and moving into round two.

Hessenthaler hailed the whole team but singled out Southall, who has made a habit of scoring important goals since joining in the summer.

He said: "Nicky's in great form and showed his class again. He's been giving Adam Birchall

a bit of stick saying he is going to catch him up and become top scorer. We will have to wait and see on that one."

Dover return to league action this weekend with a home game against St Albans City.

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Extra-time screamer puts Seaside clear at the top

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Folkestone Invicta 1

Vincent 90

Walton & Hersham 0

JOSH Vincent kept his cool to win the game with virtually the last kick of the game on Saturday as Folkestone moved four points clear at the top of the Ryman South.

The midfielder showed great energy to burst through and slide a shot under the onrushing goalkeeper in the 93rd minute. It was harsh on Walton, who played with ten men for the second-half, but the Seaside have made a habit of pinching late winners this season.

Invicta boss Neil Cugley said: "To be fair to the lads they have got that about them where they just keep plugging away. It's a great win, they were on a hell of a run, so it's very pleasing."

"Sometimes it does make it harder when the other team goes down to ten men. All they do is take a forward off, so it doesn't mean there's any more space really apart from at the back."

Cugley named the same starting line-up for the tenth successive game and the home side made the better start. Striker Simon Austin



SPIRIT: An injury time goal from Josh Vincent gave Folkestone Invicta all three points on Saturday and spared Darren Smith (above) a blushes after he missed a sitter

came close to an early goal, drawing a superb save from Walton goalkeeper Delroy Preddie, who tipped the curling shot over at full stretch.

At the other end Frankie Chappell almost gifted a goal to the visitors. David Tarpey latched on to the centre-back's loose back pass and rounded the stranded Jack Delo, but his weak shot was cleared off the line by Liam Friend.

Tarpey hit the crossbar three minutes later but Walton's momentum was halted a minute before the interval when Louis Clark received a straight red card for what appeared to be foul and abusive language.

Despite the numerical advantage, Folkestone struggled to create chances in the second-half. When they did come the hosts lacked compo-

Folkestone starting XI



Subs used: Williams (J. Everitt 62), Dryden (Dickson 74)

sure, with Darren Smith missing the chance of the game when he fired wide from six yards.

The game was heading for a goalless draw but Invicta snatched all three points in the final minute of stoppage time. Substitute Pete Williams helped on a long ball and Vincent raced through to slide a shot under the onrushing Preddie.

Walton's bench had grown increasingly exasperated with the officials and the last-gasp defeat was the final straw, sparking an ugly confrontation on the pitch after the final whistle.

With three sides below them all losing, Invicta tightened their grip at the top of the table. Despite the standings Cugley remains cautious about his side's long-term prospects this season.

He said: "We're in a great position in the league but we haven't played any of the top five away from home yet. We haven't played Croydon at all, there's still a lot of hard games to come. But to have nearly 50 points is just unbelievable, we've been in tremendous form."

Invicta visit Dulwich Hamlet next Saturday.

RUGBY



THRASHING: Folkestone (blue/green) ran in ten tries

Stones roar back to form with huge win

Old Gravesendians 0 Folkestone 64

FOLKESTONE rediscovered their form in spectacular style on Saturday as they thumped Old Gravesendians in London 3 South East.

After one win in their previous eight games, the Stones finally clicked and produced a superb display which lifted the side well clear of the bottom four.

Injuries forced a reshuffle, with Adam Tolman playing at fly-half and academy players Dean Quinn and Mark Rogers drafted into the starting line-up.

The sizeable travelling contingent did not have long to wait for the first score. A clever kick from Tolman provided the platform and when Ollie Brooks' charge was halted, Mark Rogers was on hand to take the offload to score out on the left.

A good spell from the hosts appeared to have wrestled the momentum away from Folkestone, but they responded with Mat Roots driving through the centre and then offloading to Scott Stewart who scored his first try for the 1st XV. Richard Lama converted to make it 12-0.

Tolman scored a superb individual effort for the third try, beating the Gravesendians defence all on his own. Dan Sangiuseppe added the fourth, which Lama converted to pile on the misery for the home side.

Lee Jeffery's side had just enough time for one more try before half-time, with Brooks diving over. Lama's conversion made it 31-0.

Folkestone were playing up the slope in the second-half, but they hardly seemed to notice as they picked up where they left off against a clearly demoralised home side.

Tolman, Steve Morgan (two), Jak Cox and Sangiuseppe all scored tries in the second-half as Folkestone completed a thoroughly dominant performance.

The side's final competitive game of 2009 sees them make the short trip to struggling Whitstable this Saturday.

LEAGUE TABLES (not including midweek games) BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Newport County	20	14	5	1	+30	47
2 Dover Athletic	21	11	4	6	+11	37
3 Woking	20	10	5	5	+7	35
4 Braintree Town	19	9	5	5	+7	34
5 Chelmsford City	21	10	4	7	0	34
6 Thurrock	19	9	5	5	+5	32
7 Basinstoke Town	22	9	5	8	-4	32
8 Eastleigh	19	8	5	6	+9	29
9 Bromley	19	8	5	6	+1	29
10 Bath City	20	7	7	6	+6	28
11 Bishop's Cleeve	20	8	4	8	+3	28
12 Welwyn United	21	8	4	9	-2	28
13 St Albans City	21	8	4	9	-3	28
14 Staines Town	20	6	9	5	+3	27
15 Maidenhead United	21	6	8	7	+3	26
16 Havant & Wokingham	18	6	8	4	+3	26
17 Dorchester Town	20	6	3	11	-12	21
18 Hampton & Richmond	18	5	5	8	-2	20
19 Worcester City	20	3	7	10	-6	16
20 Weston-super-Mare	20	4	4	12	-13	16
21 Lewes	19	2	8	9	-14	14
22 Weymouth	20	2	4	14	-32	10

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Folkestone Invicta	20	14	5	1	+18	47
2 Worthing	21	14	1	6	+19	43
3 Godalming Town	19	12	2	5	+15	38
4 Walton & Hersham	20	11	4	5	+8	37
5 Croydon Athletic	18	10	3	5	+21	35
6 Fleet Town	19	10	2	7	+11	32
7 Ramsgate	19	9	4	6	+7	31
8 Chatham Town	21	9	3	9	-2	30
9 Merstham	19	8	5	6	+1	29
10 Dulwich Hamlet	20	6	8	6	0	26
11 Sittingbourne	17	7	4	6	+3	25
12 Leatherhead	17	7	3	7	+5	24
13 Burgess Hill Town	17	7	3	7	0	24
14 Corinthian-Casuals	20	7	3	10	0	24
15 Whyteleafe	20	7	2	11	+1	23
16 Metropolitan Police	19	5	7	7	+4	22
17 Walton Casuals	19	5	4	10	-8	19
18 Horsham YMCA	19	4	7	8	-13	19
19 Clushead	19	4	4	11	-16	16
20 Whitstable Town	20	5	1	14	-27	16
21 Eastbourne Town	20	3	6	11	-14	15
22 Ashford Town	17	2	5	10	-29	11

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	14	11	2	1	+25	35
2 Herne Bay	12	8	1	3	+10	25
3 Sevenoaks Town	14	7	3	4	+6	24
4 Erith & Belvedere	13	8	0	5	+2	24
5 Hythe Town	11	5	4	2	+16	19
6 Beckenham Town	12	6	1	5	+8	19
7 Tunbridge Wells	14	4	7	3	+3	19
8 Erith Town	11	5	3	3	+7	18
9 Greenwich Borough	13	5	3	5	-1	18
10 Deal Town	12	4	4	4	-4	16
11 Sporting Bengal Utd	14	4	3	6	-13	15
12 Norton Sports	11	4	1	6	-2	13
13 Holmesdale	13	4	1	8	-5	13
14 Fisher	16	3	3	10	-18	12
15 Corinthian	12	2	3	7	-13	9
16 Lordswood	11	0	3	8	-21	3

FIXTURES

(Saturday): Blue Square South: Dover Athletic v St Albans City; Ryman Division One South: Dulwich Hamlet v Folkestone Invicta; Kent League Premier Division: Faversham Town v Deal Town; Lordswood v Hythe Town

Deal knock Norton out of Kent Senior Trophy race

FOOTBALL

Deal Town 2 Norton Sports 2

(Deal win 3-2 on pens)

DEAL Town overcame conceding a last minute equaliser to knock Norton Sports out of the Kent Senior Trophy on a penalty shootout.

The hosts looked to be heading through in normal time after goals from Darren Waring and Dave Bathgate cancelled Norton's opener, but the visitors claimed a late equaliser. After a scoreless extra time the game went to a shootout, with Deal coming through 3-2.

Overnight rain left the Charles Sports Ground pitch heavy but playable. Norton were the first to settle to the conditions and had Deal on the back foot early on, with Ashley Baverstock having a shot well saved.

Deal came back into the game but fell behind a minute before the break. They failed to cut out a cross from Ryan Rook and Baverstock was able to evade his marker to turn the ball home.

The hosts came out with renewed purpose and eventually their pressure told, scoring twice in five minutes just after the hour mark. Waring grabbed the first before Bathgate blasted home a free-kick to put Deal in charge.

Scott Appleton claimed a 92nd minute equaliser to force extra-time, which saw both sides tire in the muddy conditions. When it came to the shootout Deal held their nerve to reach the last eight.

Deal are due to play at home against either



EQUALISER: Darren Waring's goal helped Deal to victory

Sevenoaks Town or Milton & Fulston United in the quarter-finals on Saturday, January 9. They return to Kent League action this weekend with a trip to leaders Faversham Town.

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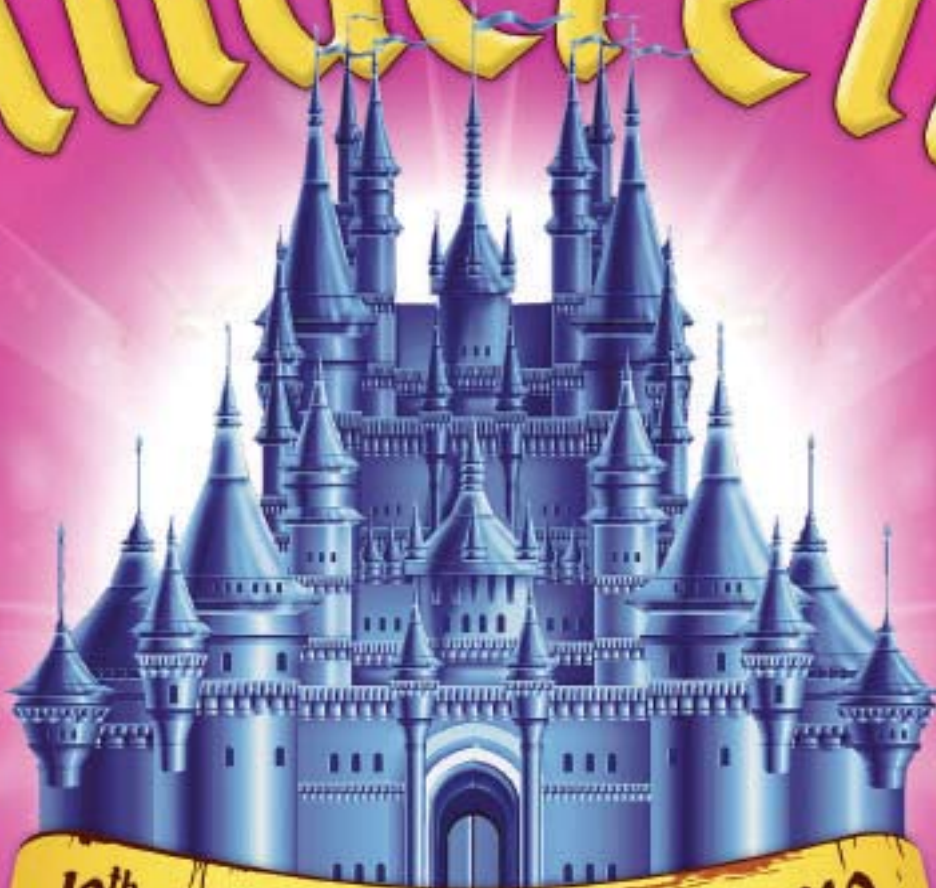


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